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ANNUAL REPORT

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Society was held on May 19, 1903, and the regular business was transacted. The Rev. Charles A. Dinsmore was elected to the Council in place of the retiring member, Professor Sheldon. The other officers were all reëlected. Professor Grandgent, chairman of the committee appointed at the preceding meeting to make recommendations for honorary members, reported the nominations of Professor Francesco d'Ovidio of Naples and Professor Berthold Wiese of Halle to succeed Dr. Scartazzini and Professor Paur, both deceased. These members were unanimously elected.

The principal enterprise which the Society now has in hand is the completion and publication of the Concordances to Dante's minor works, for which the materials have been gradually collected. At the meeting in 1903 the President made the welcome and important announcement that one of the members had generously offered to guarantee the cost of these publications. The issue of the present Report has been delayed several months and in the meantime the committee in charge of the Concordances has made considerable further progress. The Italian volume under the editorship of Professor Sheldon and Mr. Alain C. White has now gone to press, and it is the hope of the Council that the Latin volume may be

ready to follow it before very long. Thus the Society may soon see the completion of the work begun in Dr. Fay's Concordance of the Divine Comedy.

The competition for the Dante Prize slackened again in 1903. Only two essays were offered, and a special prize of fifty dollars was awarded to Mr. Fritz Hagens for a critical comment on the "De Vulgari Eloquentia." Members of the Society are once more reminded that the prize is open to students of any American college, and are asked to assist in stimulating a wider interest in the competition.

Two papers are published with this Report. The Council is indebted to Professor Sheldon for preparing an account of the Italian Concordance which is in his charge, and to Professor Fletcher for permitting the Society to publish his essay on "The Philosophy of Love of Guido Cavalcanti."

FRED NORRIS ROBINSON,

Secretary.

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